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when R^1 and R^2 each represent H, then R^3 and R^4 also represent H;

when R¹ and R² together represent a second carbon-carbon bond between the carbon atoms to which they are attached, then R³ and R⁴ independently represent H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

Ar represents:

phenyl or naphthyl, which groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl [which may itself be substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, CO₂H, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl) and N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂] halo, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, CO₂H, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl, NO₂, CN, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂ OH and C₁₋₃ alkylenedioxy, or

a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring containing up to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, which group is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl [which may itself be substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, CO₂H, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl) and N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂], halo, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, CO₂H, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl, NO₂, CN, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), and N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂.

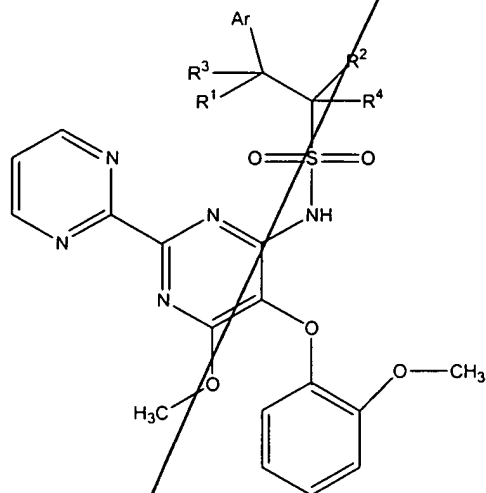
2. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the companion animal is a cat, a dog or a horse.
3. (amended). A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the endothelin mediated disorder is hypertension, congestive heart failure or chronic renal failure.
4. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² each represent H.
5. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ each represent H.
6. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein Ar represents phenyl, naphthyl, or thienyl, which groups are optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, halo, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, CO₂H and C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl.

7. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein Ar is phenyl.

8. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the endothelin mediated disorder is congestive heart failure.

9. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the endothelin mediated disorder is chronic renal failure.

10. (amended) A formulation containing a compound of formula I or a veterinarily acceptable salt thereof:



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